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DOOR TO DOOR POSTAL SERVICE IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the unit of the Postal Department rendering door to door service in rural areas handled by rural postalmen;

(b) if so, the time by when these persons handling the door-to-door postal service are likely to be made departmental employees; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The service of door to door delivery of mail in rural areas is rendered predominantly through Grameen Dak Sevaks who are attached to extra Departmental Post Offices.

(b) There is no proposal to make these persons departmental employees.

(c) Grameen Dak Sevaks are employed for work periods ranging from three to five hours and are being compensated in accordance with their workload. However, they are eligible for recruitment to certain categories of Group `C` and `D` posts in the department. Their recruitment to these posts is made in accordance with the provisions of the respective recruitment rules, and subject to their fulfilling the prescribed eligibility conditions as well as availability of vacancies.